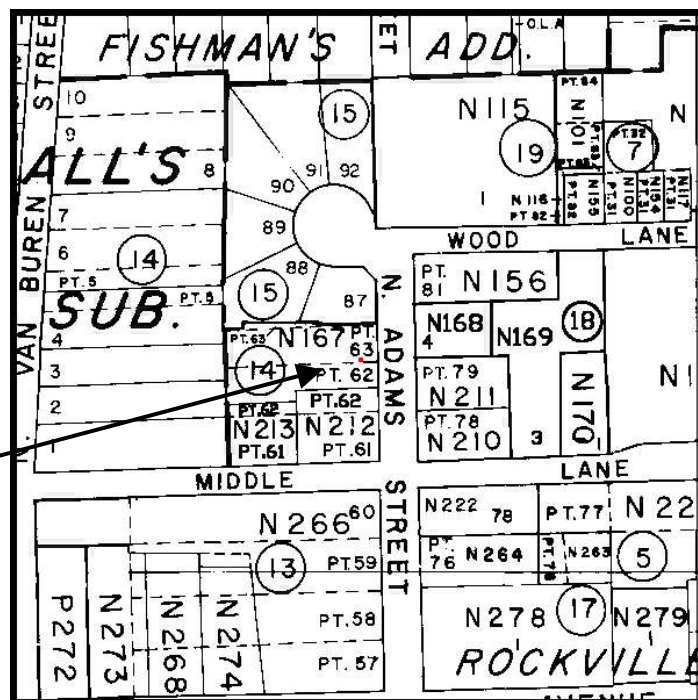


May 20, 2004
MEETING NO. 06-04

**APPLICANT/
OWNER:** Peter A. Neame
106 N. Adams Street
Rockville, MD 20850

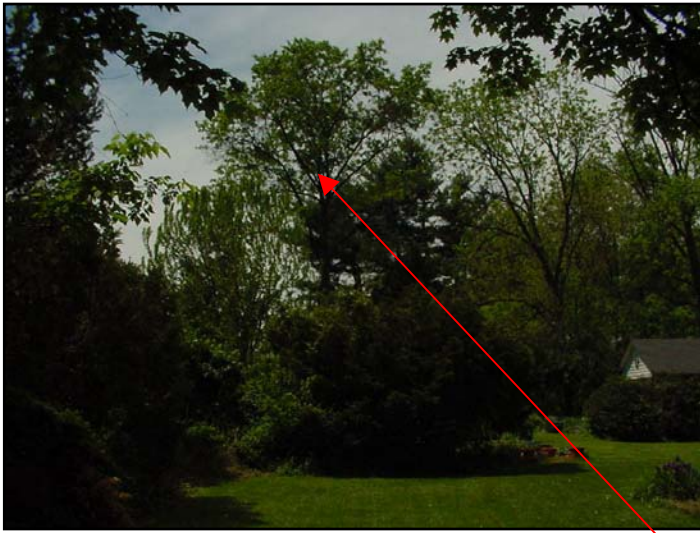
106 N. Adams Street



The subject property consists of an 1825 house, known as the Jones/Peter/Muth House, an outbuilding, and many mature trees.

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| HDC00-0173 | Porch removal, addition, removal of 3 trees; approved 11/6/00 |
| HD-167-86 | Install louvered vents and ridge cap roof venting system; approved 10/21/86 |
| HD-85-83 | Replace windows; approved 4/19/83 |
| HD-80-82 | Replace rotted tongue and groove siding & 3 wooden windows; approved 12/21/82 |
| A-133-81 | Variance from side yard setback for exterior door shelter; approved 10/3/81 |
| HD-34-78 | Regrading & paving driveway |

Staff has already approved removal of an ash tree that is part of this application because its removal was recommended by the City Forester and the tree had already caused damage to the outbuilding. (See attached letter, April 7, 2004).



Pin Oak



Front of house at 106 N. Adams St.

- 1. Historic, archeological, or architectural value and significance of the site or structure and its relationship to the historic, archeological, or architectural significance of the surrounding area.*

The Federal-era house was built for the first Baptist minister of Rockville, Joseph A. Jones, and was later owned by the Peter-Dawson family, members of whom included the first mayor of Washington, generals and politicians. It is located on one of the oldest streets in Rockville within the West Montgomery Avenue Historic District.

2. *The relationship of the exterior architectural features of the structure to the remainder of the entire structure and to the surrounding area.*

NA

3. *The general compatibility of exterior design, scale, proportion, arrangement, texture, and materials proposed to be used.*

NA

4. *To any other factors, including aesthetic factors, which the Commission deems to be pertinent.*

The City Forester examined both the ash and the pin oak on April 6 and recommended re-evaluating the oak tree after it had leafed for the season, but she found minimal dieback and did not find cause to remove it at the time. The City Forester inspected the pin oak again on May 4 and noted that it is exhibiting some signs of stress and could have bacterial leaf scorch which is currently common among oak trees in Rockville. Her conclusion was that the tree would probably survive for at least a few more years, but it is not in good health.

The pin oak is located at the far southwest corner of the rear yard. Although it is a tall tree, it is obscured from the right-of-way because the front yard is heavily treed. The owners would also prefer to allow more sunlight into the yard for a garden.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the HDC approve the removal of the pin oak as identified in application HDC2004-00299 since it is not in optimal health and is not visible from the right-of-way. The property contains many mature trees and the loss of this tree will not be detrimental to the streetscape or to this property. Removing this tree at the same time as the already approved ash will save the owners time and money.